

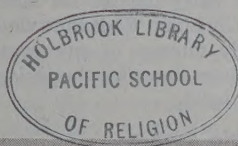
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Topics for December



Endeavorers Look at New Outdoor Poster

New Citizenship Contest Announced

For Christ and the Church

Coming to You by Way of

The General Secretary

Those Youth in Service

Remember the youth in your society and church who are in military service.

With busy programs and much activity it is easy to forget about those who are away. Keep in touch with them. Keep the lines open from the home base to wherever they are. Send your church bulletin, your Christian Endeavor paper and other items of interest along with letters.

A chaplain in the Air Corps recently reported that in interviewing 1,073 airmen he found that 945 claimed a church home but only 211 had received word of any kind from their church since they entered the Service.

Christian Endeavor is cooperating with the United Fellowship of Protestants, a new organization seeking to help the chaplains and others in the spiritual ministry to those in the Armed Services. Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of International Society, is acting chairman of the committee that is sponsoring the United Fellowship.

Copies of the very attractive and useful 112-page booklet, "Guide For Christian Living," are still available. It was written for those in military life and can be secured without cost from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

Voting a Privilege

Our Christian Endeavor President Ernest R. Bryan has issued a challenge to our youth to help get out the vote at the coming election.

"Voting is a sacred privilege because of those who have fought on battlefields,

in legislative halls, in newspaper offices, in pulpits and classrooms to establish and preserve this privilege," Dr. Bryan stated.

Christian Endeavor Vintage '52

A United Press report of September 25 quotes Ethel Louise Riddle, new general secretary of the WCTU's Youth Temperance Council, as follows:

"Take a jigger of good upbringing, two fingers of Christian endeavor, vintage '52, a dash of lively interest in current moral problems and you have the perfect cocktail."

The only change we would suggest in that is to make the "e" in "endeavor" a capital. Christian Endeavor, vintage '52, puts lively interest in any youth group and produces the spirit that brings action and happiness.

A Possible Record

Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer of Philadelphia, Pa., for many years an outstanding executive of the Evangelical and Reformed Church, recently marked the 60th anniversary of his ordination. We believe he must be the holder of the record in the field of writing comments on the Christian Endeavor topics. For a period of 42 years, without missing a single issue, he contributed a weekly column on the C. E. topics for *The Messenger*, the journal of his denomination.

For Your Information

Thomas Rennie of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, who was a member of the Board of Trustees of the International Society for many years, died August 4.

Dr. Daniel A. Poling was the speaker at the interdenominational religious festival in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Texas, October 19, which was the closing session of the State Fair.

Rev. Jerry A. Yerian has resigned as general field secretary of the California Union, to return to a pastorate.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Jones returned to America September 13 after a three-week trip to Europe. They visited in Norway, Sweden, Finland, Scotland, and England.

Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of International Society, represented Christian Endeavor at the Seventh National Conference on Citizenship held in Washington, D. C., September 17-19.

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Dr. Gene Stone

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COVER

Enthusiasm is running high for the Christian Endeavor Outdoor Poster Campaign at the Indianola Church of Christ in Columbus, Ohio. Money has been given for more than 30 posters. These examining one of the huge panel displays to be erected in connection with Christian Endeavor Week are (left to right) John Leinbaugh, president, Senior High society; Dave Reed, president, Intermediate society; Joseph Hughes, elder and chairman of the Poster Panel Committee, Indianola Church; Sue Zimmerman and Shirley Arthur, young people's group; Stephen Jacoby, president, Junior society, and Rev. Dean S. Jacoby, assistant pastor.

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Plan To Celebrate

Now is the time to begin preparing for the observance of Christian Endeavor Week January 25-February 1, 1953.

Packets containing a manual and other materials for services, banquets and projects are available. They may be secured from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio. The price is \$.50.

Build With Christ through . .

World Friendship

by M. Eugene Osterhaven*



A "vital program for youth" must include a "challenge to action." Christian Endeavor has participated in such a program as it has sought to "Build With Christ." This theme has stressed the necessity of building with Christ (1) through personal dedication; (2) through church loyalty; and, (3) through Christian citizenship. As we continue our use of this theme we shall consider our call "Build With Christ through World Friendship."

Why Build?

What subject could better engage our attention in a day when our world is falling apart before our very eyes? Seldom, if ever before, has society so sorely needed to meditate and act on friendship on a world-wide scale. A potent program is needed to counterbalance the forces of hatred, and evil in its other manifestations, in the world. We have that program in the Christian Church. The power for its successful application and fulfillment is Jesus Christ who said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth; go ye therefore and teach all nations." If He and His Word were not true, we would have no answer for the problems of the world. Since He is that He is, we build in confidence with Him, no matter how great the obstacles, because we know that the victory is His.

How To Build

by supporting the missionary advance of my church

Christian missions are the greatest exhibition of goodwill, friendship and love for our fellowmen that the world has ever seen. If any phase of the work of Christ's Church is worthy of our wholehearted support, it is the missionary program. Many a G. I. in World War II witnessed the transforming power of Christ in the lives of natives of the South Pacific whose grandparents were dangerous savages. Tribes that a century ago were known for their cannibalism

now build their lives around the Church which is in their midst. Friendship and love for God and fellowman are a reality in countless remote communities throughout the world because persons like ourselves, a generation or two ago, were faithful in supporting the missionary advance of the Church.

But there is still much work to be done. Christian Endeavor and Christian youth groups should participate actively in the missionary program of their church and denomination. Every missionary board or other missionary organization will be happy to supply you with information and materials for your local programs. A missionary speaker for one of your meetings will be an attraction and help stimulate greater interest. Underwrite a "stake," some definite financial responsibility, for some missionary activity.

— by Christian Endeavor extension through my society

In attempting to make a better world we do not only dream about problems and programs on the world level, but we realistically plan and build locally. Our own society is the framework through which we can best work. Since Christian Endeavor is an international organization, unreservedly for Christ and the Church, it is the ideal program through which to effect our Christian objectives of world friendship.

Sometimes we bewail the world situation while we do nothing concrete to correct it. The best way to show that we truly are concerned is to labor faithfully in our local society, using it as our medium of endeavor. Your society will be as strong as you and your friends want it to be. Your county, regional, and state Unions and International Society will be as strong and effective as

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are the local societies. Know the facts about Christian Endeavor and its world-wide contribution. Extend the influence of this movement by supporting its conventions, making contributions to its program and work and by reading *The Christian Endeavor World*.

— by sharing necessities with my fellowmen

The proof of our faith is in our doing. "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food; and one of you say unto them, depart in peace; be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit? Even so faith, if it has not works, is dead, being alone." (James 2:16 ff.) No Christian should be indifferent when some of his fellowmen are in want. The fact of hunger and privation gives a Christian an opportunity to minister in the name of Christ. If he fails to do so, he ought to re-examine his faith to ascertain its genuineness.

Your church is undoubtedly engaged in a relief program. Your youth group should participate in it and engage in other acts of charity. Opportunities are all about us. It is also well to study the problem of Displaced Persons and assist in it if possible.

— by encouraging international understanding in my church, school and community

Where animosity, suspicion and hatred have poisoned the springs of international cooperation and fellowship, it is the Christian's duty to labor for understanding and peace among men. The man-made barriers to friendship which men have built must be torn down — or, at least transcended. In Jesus Christ men of every nation, kindred and tongue are one. And in Him is the dynamic needed to enable men to love each other and to make international understanding a reality.

Christian Endeavorers should be interested in the official inter-governmental media, such as the United Nations, which seek to promote understanding

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Christian Endeavor Around The World



AREA 2 CONFERENCE

Rev. Andrew Wright, general secretary of the World's Christian Endeavor Union in charge of Area 2, which takes in Europe, Africa, the Near East and India, directed the program of the Area 2 conference held at the Theological Seminary of the Waldensian Church in Rome, Italy, October 7-14. Mr. Wright is also general secretary of the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland.



Rev. Andrew Wright

Dr. Daniel A. Poling, head of the World's C.E. Union, was the main speaker at the sessions held in Italy's capital city.

TRUK

"The churches of Micronesia all have strong Christian Endeavor organizations," Dr. Harold F. Hanlin of Truk, Caroline Islands, Trust Territory of the Pacific, U.S.A., writes to Columbus as he seeks topics and literature.

"Here at Truk and in the churches of this section of Micronesia, because of the influence of former German Missionaries, the name 'Jukentpunt' is more generally used for these groups," Mr. Hanlin states.

NEW ZEALAND

"This is a forward step for our Movement in New Zealand," *The News Letter* of the New Zealand Christian Endeavor Union, states in announcing the securing of new headquarters and bookroom in Auckland.

The railways department has granted a rail concession to all delegates who will attend the National Convention in Auckland January 2-8.

MEXICO

"Esfuerzo Cristiano," is the heading over the Christian Endeavor topics and daily readings published in the monthly missionary magazine, "La Via de Paz," published in Monterrey, N. L., Mexico. Professor E. T. Westrup is editor.

GERMANY

Sympathy has been expressed to the members of the German C.E. Union on the passing of their President—Otto Kaiser. Since the war he reorganized the work and supervised the erection of a new headquarters building in the ruins of the town of Kassel. Rev. Arno Pagel is the new leader in Germany.

GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

"For to me to live is Christ," is the motto that has been adopted for 1953 by the Christian Endeavor Union of Great Britain and Ireland.

Rev. F. C. White was installed as president of the Union of Great Britain and Ireland at the annual convention.

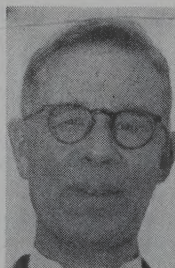
Reports at the convention showed 268 new societies registered in the year. It was revealed that there are 3,273 societies with a total membership of 65,928.

The Baptists lead with 1,081 societies while the Methodists have 977. There are 252 units in Free Evangelical Churches, 230 in Presbyterian, and 208 in Congregational Churches.

JORDAN

There are active Christian Endeavorers in Bethlehem, Palestine, where the Lord was born.

The Holy Land Christian Approach Mission located in Jordan of the Hashemite Kingdom has two societies. Because it is customary in that country for young men and young women to meet separately there is a unit for both. Victor Mansour is the leader of the men's society, which has been in existence for



Rev. F. C. White

some time. The group for young girls has recently been formed under the direction of Mrs. H. J. Van der Linde who formerly did Christian Endeavor work in New York City.

WORLD FRIENDSHIP

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and peace. They should be interested in every cultural endeavor to promote international goodwill. They will especially be interested in the great contribution of the Christian Church and Christianity in the lives of great numbers of persons who have sought to promote international understanding.

The test of our sincerity is the application of our convictions to our own situation. Do we ourselves transcend national interests and prejudices in our attitude toward our fellows? The way in which we implement this part of our program in our church, school and community will reveal to what extent this part of our Christian faith has become real in our lives.

—by striving for universal peace beginning in my world of family and friends.

The New Testament exhorts us to begin with ourselves in the Christian program of world conquest. A regenerated world must begin with regenerate individuals. World peace will be achieved when individual men are at peace with God and their own consciences and their fellows. The world picture is an enlargement of the picture of the individual. We labor for world peace; we build world Christ through world friendship as we live as His disciples in our respective circles of family and friends.

The article by Dr. Osterhaven on "World Friendship" has been published in leaflet form. Write to the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

CONTEST ON PLEDGE

An essay contest is being conducted in South Australia on "The Christian Endeavor Pledge." Four awards are to be given Endeavorers.

"WORLD FRIENDSHIP" OPPORTUNITIES AT CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season gives glorious opportunities for helping in the World Friendship Crusade.

Now is the time to decide to share with others and to prepare and send gifts to those who need. Join with thousands in seeing that "Care" packages will brighten Christmas for hosts of people who do not have an abundance of food. Through denominational boards of foreign missions or through Christian Endeavor friends send messages and packages to fellow Christians in Korea and other places. Share this Christmas and help world friendship and peace.

International Society Plans New Citizenship Contest

A second Christian Endeavor Christian Citizenship Award Contest will be conducted according to announcement made by Rev. Charles E. F. Howe, director of the Citizenship Department of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

Awards totaling \$1,000.00 in cash and a free trip to the Christian Endeavor Convention in Denver, Colorado, June 22-27, 1953, will be given to the winners.

The purpose of the contest, as was that of the one conducted this year, is to challenge young people to be good Christian citizens.

Any girl or boy, in school or employed, who has attained the age of 15 and not reached the age of 20 by February 2, 1953 is eligible to compete.

Letter to Congressman

To participate in the contest a youth must write "A Letter to my Congressman" or for Canadian youth "A letter to my M. P." (not to exceed 1,000 words) on the subject, "I Speak for Christian Citizenship," and submit a citizenship service record on his beliefs and activities.

Official entry blanks may be secured from the state or provincial Christian Endeavor offices or from the Interna-

tional Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio. A notice of participation must be sent to the Headquarters in Columbus by February 2, 1953. The letter and service record must be in the hands of the judges of the state or province no later than March 1, 1953. Additional information may be secured by writing to the International Society at Columbus, Ohio.

A girl or a boy will be chosen as winners in each state and province and these will then compete on a regional basis. The regional winners will be in the final competition.

Awards

The first award will go to the girl or boy in the United States or Canada who is judged the best on the basis of the letter and service record. This prize will be \$250.00 in cash plus a trip to the 42nd Convention of the International Society of Christian Endeavor in Denver, Colorado, June 22-27, 1953, when there will be a special Citizenship Night and the presentation of honors to the winner.

The second award will be \$150.00 in cash and the third, \$75.00. The next six runners-up will receive \$50.00 each. Awards of \$25.00 will go to each runner-up in the nine regional contests.

Entertain Hawaiian Tour



California Christian Endeavorers gave warm greetings to the members of the Fellowship Tour to Hawaii before the group left for Honolulu from Los Angeles. Harold E. Westerhoff (left) administrative secretary of International Society and tour director, receives a box of fruit from Mrs. Milo Hall at the Hotel Biltmore. Mrs. Lee Bailey is shown making a presentation to Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of International Society. Lee Bailey, head of the California Union, smiles approvingly.

GENERAL SECRETARY

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Albert Arend, a vice-president of International Society, is home after an operation.

Dr. Samuel Haas, president of the New Jersey Union, visited Europe during the summer.

Mrs. Daniel A. Poling has recovered from a recent illness. She spent some time in Doctors' Hospital in New York City.

Norman Klauder, chairman of the Finance Committee of International Society, has returned from a business trip to Morocco, Africa.

Donna Lee Plymale, president of Oregon Union, has been accepted as a candidate for foreign missionary work by the United Christian Missionary Society of the Disciples of Christ. She is a student at Northwest Christian College in Eugene and is preparing for work in the African Congo.

Members of the Christian Endeavor Fellowship Tour to Hawaii last summer saw the spectacular action of the Halemaumau volcano by day and night on the Island of Hawaii. The picture above was taken at night by an Endeavorer standing on the rim looking down into the 700 foot pit spouting with red hot lava. Halemaumau is a volcano within the crater of the extinct Kilauea volcano.

Who Conferences Tell Story of Honolulu

The story of the Pacific Area Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union held in Honolulu July 26-30 is being told in many places throughout the United States and Canada by word and pictures.

Delegates who attended are presenting the "World Friendship Crusade" program. Christian Endeavor and other audiences.

Besides the 38 delegates who went to Honolulu on the Fellowship Tour of Christian Endeavor other representatives from the mainland included the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Frutiger of Portland, Oregon; Joan Mitchell of Portland, Oregon; Mrs. George H. Freese of Itzville, Washington; Mr. and Mrs. John Peters of Chicago, Ill.; Eudora Sylvestre of Marin City, California, and Rev. and Mrs. Willard Thomen and four children.

Mr. Thomen, who was formerly executive secretary of Christian Endeavor in Connecticut, attended the conference when he and his family were on their way to a new work at Kohala, Hawaii, where he is now principal of the Kohala School for Girls.

CALIFORNIA HAS "DAY"

The 66th anniversary of the organization of Christian Endeavor in California was celebrated October 19. Special services and events were held in connection with the birthday. George West was chairman.

PROGRAM BUILDING CLASS AT SANTA CLAUS



Photo Courtesy General Baptist Messenger

Future leaders of the General Baptist Denomination learn better methods of planning and presentation at Christian Endeavor class at conference. Mrs. Virginia Callis (standing extreme right) was the instructor.

NOVEMBER 15 DEADLINE IN POSTER CAMPAIGN

The final date for the placing of orders for the Christian Endeavor panel posters is November 15.

Unions may send their requests for the attractive four color posters to Harold E. Westerhoff, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

Millions of persons will view the displays on panels along the highways throughout the country in connection with Christian Endeavor Week. The posters are placed through the cooperation of individual poster plant owners who are members of the Outdoor Advertising Association of America, Inc.

Liquor Advertising Offensive To Readers

"Liquor advertising is the most objectionable content of newspapers," Don Bridge of the Gannett Newspapers stated

Mr. Bridge reported on a survey conducted by the Medill School of Journalism of Northwestern University which disclosed what newspaper readers would like to see eliminated from the newspapers they read. Thirty-seven percent of the people said liquor advertising was most objectionable. The next most serious objection was to vulgar pictures, which was represented by seven percent. Sixty-one percent thought that liquor advertising should not be published;

twenty-nine percent considered it to be all right; and ten percent did not reply.

Many advertisers dislike to associate with liquor advertising in neighboring columns.

PLAN FOR C. E. WEEK

Now is the time to start preparing for Christian Endeavor Week. Get a packet chucked full of ideas from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio. Price \$.50.

Outstanding Youth



Dorothy Harris and Charles Rupert are "Mr. and Miss Texas Christian Endeavorer of 1952." Dorothy who lives in Alvin is president of her society at the First Christian Church and is secretary-treasurer of the Bi-County Union. Charles is a district vice-president of the Lone Star State C.E. Union and is secretary-treasurer of the society of First Christian Church, Weslaco.

WORLDWIDE

Bible Reading

THANKSGIVING TO CHRISTMAS

Thousands of Christian Endeavor will engage in the plan of the daily reading of selected scripture from Thanksgiving to Christmas, which is sponsored annually by the American Bible Society.

The 29 readings were listed by 1,099 ministers as their favorite selections on the theme, "The Word of Life." The are as follows:

NOVEMBER

27 Thanksgiving	Psalms 10
28	Psalms 9
29	Psalms 12
30 Sunday	Psalms

DECEMBER

1	Psalms 2
2	Psalms 4
3	Psalms 5
4	Isaiah 4
5	Isaiah 2
6	Matthew 5:1-2
7 Sunday	Matthew 5:27-4
8	Matthew 6:1-1
9	Matthew 6:19-1
10	Matthew
11	John
12	John
13	John
14 Universal Bible Sunday	Psalms 2
15	Luke 1
16	Romans
17	Romans
18	Ephesians
19	Philippians
20	Revelation 2
21 Sunday	John 1:1-1
22	Isaiah
23	Hebrews
24	I Corinthians
25 Christmas	Luke 2:1-2

C. E. Conventions and Conferences

November

1, 2—Great Lakes Region, Gary, Indiana (Conference)

6-9—Missouri, St. Louis

28-30—Armenian Inter-State, Detroit, Mich.

December

5, 6—Program Council, International Society, Columbus, Ohio

5-8—Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference, Columbus, Ohio

Between Mountain Walls And Surging Sea

A Visit to Christian Endeavorers at the Leper Colony of Kalaupapa

by ERNEST R. BRYAN

One of the Hawaiian chain of islands is an especially beautiful isle known as Molokai. It's about eight miles wide and 10 miles long. On the leeward side—between mountain walls and surging sea—lies the little settlement called Kalaupapa. Here lives a colony of some 200 victims of Hansen's disease (leprosy) and the devoted people who take care of them.

The friendly folk of the Christian Endeavor society of the Kanaana Hou (New Kanaana) Church at Kalaupapa invited me to pay them a visit on Wednesday, July 30. They did not issue this invitation lightly or casually. They discussed and voted on it, I am told. They accompanied it with a cash grant of \$17.50 to pay for the airplane fare from the city of Honolulu on the neighboring island of Oahu and return.

The little two-passenger plane landed on a sand-dune and I was greeted by a delegation of patients—all leaders in the very active Christian Endeavor Society—and by my hostess, Mrs. Teruo Ogawa (she is a skilled worker with blind patients and her husband is chief carpenter of the colony). They presented colorful leis which the patients had made from the gorgeous flowers which grow in such beautiful abundance on the island. (I took the leis home with me the next day and on the following Sunday presented them to Governor Theodore J. McKeldin of the State of Maryland and Mrs. McKeldin when the Governor—the same orator who nominated General Eisenhower at Chicago—gave a strong Christ-centered message at a Christian Endeavor rally where four counties of the state come together near Ridgeville, Maryland.)

C. E. Cemetery

First stop after leaving the sand-dune airport at Kalaupapa was the cemetery. There was a good reason for this stop. I wanted to take a picture of the sign which reads, "C. E. Protestant Cemetery." Similar signs for nearby cemeteries bear the lettering, "Catholic Cemetery," "L.D.S. Cemetery" (for the Latter Day Saints or Mormons), "A.J.A. Cemetery" (for non-Christian Japanese), and just plain "Protestant Cemetery" (apparently for those Protestants who somehow failed to get their names on the rolls of the Christian

Endeavor society of the Kanaana Hou Church (Congregational) which is the only Protestant church in the settlement.

After duly inspecting the cemeteries, my host, Mr. Ogawa, took me for a ride in the 15-year-old automobile which belongs to Pastor Alice Kahokuoluna (her name means "the star above" and she brings light to many a darkened life on the island where she is affectionately known by everyone as "Mother Alice").

On this tour, we went over to see the recently-restored original Siloama Church (Church of the Healing Spring) which was founded in 1866. We visited also the nearby Catholic Church and memorial to Father Damien who started his self-sacrificing work on the island a year later.



Between the white foam of the sea and the steep mountain are the buildings of the leper colony at Kalaupapa visited by Dr. Ernest R. Bryan, president of the International Society.

In the evening we had a worship service in the Kanaana Hou Church, an attractive well-kept building which has the main part of the sanctuary set apart for the patients. Several of the blind came. They were helped along by the attendants and other patients. Others showed the ravages of the disease as it has affected their faces and limbs. Their spirits were undimmed. The service was conducted impressively by Mrs. Eva L. Keao, president of the Christian Endeavor society. Beautiful choral numbers in both English and Hawaiian were presented by the choir—all patients—led by Ernest Kara with Timothy Waimau at the organ. Singing by the entire group was inspiring. They sang slowly as if to emphasize the full meaning of each word in the great hymns of the church. I felt that they were singing with deep conviction and as witnesses to great truths.

As I spoke to them about their Christian Endeavor comrades of many lands

and of the struggles against atheistic communism, which are calling forth the heroic efforts of many Endeavorers on both sides of the iron curtain, they listened with rapt attention. They were so eager and responsive that I later discovered—to my horror—that I had talked for an hour and fifteen minutes! The amazing part was that they wanted to hear more and they asked me to go to the social hall where the meeting continued on an informal basis for another forty-five minutes. The many questions which they asked showed a concern for the church universal, an eagerness to help, and a generally optimistic outlook. My own faith was strengthened by the impact of their faith and courage.

Keeper of the Lighthouse

After this extended session, I visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Robins, much beloved long-time members of the community who are called "Papa" and "Mama" by young and old alike. Mr. Robins who has been in the Coast Guard service for more than 25 years is the proud keeper of the lighthouse. With him, I climbed the 119 steps to the top of this imposing aid to navigation. All during my stay on the island, however, I was much more impressed with the people than I was with the interesting things I saw. The gentle kindness of these folk, their hospitality, their friendliness shown in so many ways, their calm patience, their philosophy of mutual helpfulness and goodwill for all, their sense of humor, their love of beauty, and their simple faith—all combine to show examples of Christ's teachings at work. This is Christianity in action. This shows what the early missionaries have accomplished and how their work lives on and on. (These products of missionary endeavor on Molokai are now helping to support missionaries in the Caroline Islands, in the Marshalls, and in other areas of Micronesia because they, in turn, have caught the missionary spirit.)

After visiting the lighthouse, it was time to return with my hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Ogawa, to their attractive home which stands amid stately cocoanut palms on the shores of the sea. They insisted on turning over to me the one and only bed while, to my distress and their amusement at my distress, the Ogawas slept

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Yes, We'll "Ask 'Em"

By Bert H. Davis

A SALES MANAGER, standing before a roomful of young salesmen, recently said with more force than elegance, "You have to ask 'em to buy."

This is practical advice to anyone who has a product or service to "move." It affects also the efforts of young adults and others in the Christian Church, who are engaged in persuading others to become more closely and continuously allied to Christ and His Church.

More than one person of good character and high ideals, upon joining a church for the first time late in life, has remarked: "I joined — Church soon after I was invited. All through the years, I'd never been asked before!"

We who are in the church, and quite frequently because ours was a church-going family, need to take such remarks to heart. How many organizations have you ever joined without receiving what you regarded as a warm friendly invitation? In fact, quite likely the bid had to be repeated, and perhaps more than one person tried to re-emphasize how welcome you would be, prior to the time you said, "All right — I'll tie up with you!"

A committee promoting community concerts on a non-profit basis discovered over the years that advertisements and form-letter invitations and publicity in the newspapers and on the air, even when capably planned and executed, did not fill the seats. The most enthusiastic members of the committee of sponsors must call on neighbors, and speak to business associates, and use the phone repeatedly — to apply a cordial, personal interest, in short — in order to enroll many new members in the group.

Now, if this is true in the marketing of merchandise and in promoting secular organizations *which don't require or expect much activity or effort from those enlisted*, how unlikely it is that we can win friends for Christ and call these friends into Christian service by anything short of hard and persistent effort.

Important Work

Young adults, when engaged in membership promotion for a Young Adult unit, should be ready to look at their work as being of prime importance to their church as well.

1. Have in mind that the recruiting of members and co-workers in the Young Adult organization helps you reach older young persons who are not now church members — either because they have never been received into a church or because, in past years, they lapsed as church members.

2. Believe, also, that through the fellow-

ship and activities of the Young Adult group, a number of these who have had an in-and-out interest in churches (a sort of "Christmas and Easter loyalty") will be brought into constant and effective partnership in the organized cause of Christ — that is, the Church.

Nothing in the paragraphs below lays claim to originality. But let's review these items, familiar as many of them will be, to make sure that every working group of young adults is using these means — practical approaches in a great personal Christian mission to other young adults. Let's be certain too that we ask for God's guidance and help in all that we do to bring others closer to Christ and into more intimate, —meaningful partnership with His people. Here after all is the Resource which means far more than our detailed plans, such as we might apply in some measure to promoting a social club in the community.

Young Adult Workshop

Indirect Invitations

1. In advertising church services, try to make plain that visitors will find yours a friendly congregation with which to worship. (See 1-A, below.)

2. Plan for the church several events each year which are pointed toward attracting visitors and the church's neighbors. (See 2-A, below.)

3. So small a detail as lighted church grounds, a church bulletin kept up to date and lighted at night, or a social event held on the church grounds will draw some newcomers in your direction.

4. You may circularize new families in the church's neighborhood, or leave invitation cards and the church bulletin at hotels and rooming houses and motels — but, like the musical organization already mentioned, your group should remember that these media do not "ask 'em to come" in the sense of the personal efforts, face to face or by phone.

5. Good will activities in the community, although they are not undertaken in order to advertise the church or church organizations, may have more promotional value than we ever suspected. Rather frequently, someone invited to become more familiar with and active in a certain church of the

community will respond, "Yes, I'm glad you invited me, for I've been thinking for some time that I'd enjoy knowing more about a church which does so many good things."

Direct Invitations ("Ask 'Em")

1-A. Look back at No. 1, above, and please make note of two suggestions:

(A) You should make sure that there is an organized plan, as well as just general warmth, for greeting strangers, making sure they are comfortably seated and have bulletin and hymnal and psalter at hand, and introducing the newcomers to minister and others, if they seem interested in meeting folks on this occasion.

(B) But don't engage in "rushing." The "glad hand" of super-salesmanship is not attractive to some worshippers. Try to decide on a cordiality that will make your visitors happy and comfortable, without embarrassing them or taking more time than they're prepared to give, beyond the period of worship.

2-A. In case you decide to get names and addresses of visitors and newcomers to neighborhood, at a social meeting, be tactful enough to have *everyone* register — "regulars" as well as persons attending frequently or for the first time.

3-A. In reaching prospective members and inviting them to become better acquainted with your organization and its church, be sure to proceed on the basis that they have quite likely intended to come around — and you are merely offering a friendly bridge, your friendship and interest, to be used when and as they choose. It's seldom wise to set some definite date for attending gathering unless (a) something quite specific is being set for a specific meeting or (b) the prospect you're visiting seems to want to go into action right away. Perhaps you can stop with your car some day, walk on the way to church, and offer a lift (a volunteer that you'll see they get back home in good time, too.)

4-A. You can join personal invitation with the impersonal or indirect promotion by referring to some of the announcements a person may have seen or carrying with you a copy of a circular letter sent out earlier, and adding to this your personal persuasion.

By such means and others to fit situations, try individually to ask many to worship with you — and ask your friends to be "askers," too.

A manual on the Evangelistic Mission to Youth is available without charge from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio.

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At Work



TARHEEL LEADERS (upper right) — North Carolina Endeavorers plan for year at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds. Those pictured are: First row (left to right) — Mr. and Mrs. B. Z. Routh and children, Rayhorn Hinshaw, and Henry Smith. Second row (left to right) — Margie Gillie, Christine Briggs, Gracie Duncan, Elmer Hinshaw, Tracey Miller, Katherine Clinard, Wanda Jester, Juanita Mateer, Mozelte Dick, Kay Belton, Alta Ruth Kirkman, and Ruth Lee.

WITNESSING WITH MUSIC (second from top) — The band of Northampton County Christian Endeavor Union featured in the convention parade of Pennsylvania at Allentown.



ATTEND CITY COUNCIL SESSION (third from top) — In observance of National Citizenship Day several scores of Endeavorers visited the meeting of the Columbus, Ohio governing body, September 15. Pictured at the session are (left to right): Dr. Gene Stone, general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor; Robert Oestreicher, council president; June Forrester, president of the Franklin County Christian Endeavor Union, and the Rev. Brenton J. K. Arthur, general secretary of the Ohio Christian Endeavor Union, who gave the invocation.

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STUDY AT ESTES PARK (below) — A portion of the leaders at the Rocky Mountain Christian Endeavor Conference are shown at the famous mountain resort near Denver, Colorado. Margaret Wood was director with Anneta Marsh as registrar. Rev. Charles E. F. Howe, associate general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, served as dean.



How Jesus Utilized Prayer

Third Topic in a Series on "Examples From Jesus"

Mark 6:46; 14:32; Luke 23:34a

Pattern for the Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This topic is the third in a series of four challenging and helpful topics, on the general subject "Examples From Jesus." We look now upon the teaching and the example of our Lord in the matter of prayer. It was very real to Him. It will become very real to us if we will have it so. An entirely different concept of God may be the result in some lives if this meeting is carefully planned. Let prayer become a reality in the life of the leader of the meeting first—even if it means starting today. Some of his leading of this meeting may well be testimony as to what it means to him personally.

If there is opportunity make a more complete study of the prayers of Jesus. Use those mentioned below and others that you or the group may be able to find in the Scriptures. Use your Bibles as much as possible. This meeting can really be a treasure hunt.

Aim of the Topic

1. To awaken a realization of the need and power of prayer.
2. To study the place of prayer in Jesus' life and teaching.

Prayer—What Is It?

Prayer is such a simple thing, yet so profound. It has a thousand definitions yet they all point to the same truth that prayer is communion with God. To put it more simply it is a heart-to-heart talk with our Father in Heaven. He knows and loves us, and desires to communicate with us. He makes Himself so readily available and He gives such wondrous response that it is amazing people do not pray more. Prayer is the key to the working of miracles. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." We can talk with God at any time, in any place, in any way, for any worthy cause—and we should do it frequently.

Daily Readings

M., Dec. 1. A Morning Prayer. Mark 1:32-37.
T., Dec. 2. Praying Alone. Luke 5:15,16.
W., Dec. 3. All Night in Prayer. Luke 6:12,13.
T., Dec. 4. Prayer at His Baptism. Luke 3:21,22.
F., Dec. 5. Prayer before Raising Lazarus. John 11:41-44.
S., Dec. 6. Prayer with His Disciples. John 17:1-26.
Sun., Dec. 7. Topic—How Jesus Utilized Prayer. Mark 6:46; 14:32; Luke 23:34a.

Consider the Prayers of Jesus

Prayers of Jesus in the Bible are unique. They are most revealing if we take time to study them even briefly. They indeed reveal a heart-to-heart relationship of Father and Son. They give to the world a perfect pattern for talking with God. Our Scripture lesson for today tells us of two of the many times He drew apart from others that He might talk with His Father. Even He felt the need for renewal of strength in the way that only Heaven provides. He suggests the vast power He had to draw upon. And fortunately He did not keep it only for Himself.

Mark the note of forgiveness ever present in Christ's prayers. He keeps it before all that they must forgive, in accordance with God's Word, in order to obtain the favor of God. Even on the Cross He remembered to ask forgiveness for those who were seeking to take His life.

The various recorded prayers of Jesus point out significant truths. His regularity in prayer teaches us the lesson of frequent practice. His intimacy with God is a mighty help to us in making God real in our lives. The "Lord's Prayer," might be more properly called the "Disciples' Prayer," for He said, "When ye pray, say, 'Our Father, which art in Heaven, etc.' " It is a splendid pattern for prayer, for it contains the basic elements needful. A complete prayer contains adoration, thanksgiving, seeking of forgiveness, intercession, and petition. How are these exemplified in this prayer? His seeking for guidance is clear, as is implicit trust in the Father. He asks for the coming of the Kingdom that is not of this world and finally ascribes all power and glory to the One Who rightly deserves it. How can the "Lord's Prayer" be a pattern for us?

One of the most majestic and moving of prayers is that of Jesus, as recorded in John 17. This is considered His high-priestly prayer. It describes to His Father the relationship He has had with His people, "the men thou gavest Me." He had drawn them out of the world in a spiritual sense, but had commissioned them to represent Him in the world in a matchless way. In this prayer we find His very heart bared to God, and His hopes expressed. These hopes are summed up in His words, "that they all may be one." This blessed unity of believers is of prime necessity. Especially when His promise to come again has become a reality, will it be imperative that we be "one in Christ." How can we help make this come to pass?

A SEED THOUGHT

"Prayer is not so much a way of changing the mind of God, but of finding it."

Consider, too, His prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane. Its dominant message, "Thy will be done." This is the most difficult prayer we can ever pray, and the most glorious! For a Christian to be able to say this assuredly means that he has truly begun to grow in spiritual stature and grace. Although it is a costly prayer, it is also a most rewarding one, for it is the spirit that most pleases the Almighty.

Quiet Hours With Jesus

This matter of prayer is not something for yesterday. It is not an ancient, outmoded custom, nor is it something reserved for the Saviour. It is something for today and tomorrow and forever. It is designed for YOU; it may be shared by all who would ask and receive, seek and find, knock and find doors opened. Prayer is a limitless force that has never been adequately explored or properly exercised. Every new Christian finds new personal victories in prayer—if he prays! For the earnest disciple of the Son of God, prayer is not elective, but a requisite.

Today is the proper day to consider the Quiet Hour. The best way for a Christian Endeavorer to begin to practice it is to sign a card that makes him a member of an international fellowship known as "The Comrades of the Quiet Hour." In this plan we promise to set apart at least fifteen minutes daily for prayer, reading of the Bible and meditation. There are uncounted multitudes in this fine group and there is room for every member of your society. Quiet Hour pledge cards are available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus 5, Ohio. Send for a supply today and consolidate some of the thoughts and decisions of this meeting.

FOR FURTHER THOUGHT

1. How did Jesus use prayer in His teaching?
2. What use should we make of the "Lord's Prayer"? How often should we use it?
3. What is prayer?
4. What is the purpose of prayer?
5. Name some personal results gained from prayer.
6. Which is more important, reading the Bible or praying?

Rhoda Grows In Faith

Third Topic in a Series on "New Testament Youth Grow"
Acts 12:11-17

Our Aim

1. To appreciate this once-mentioned character in the Bible.
2. To see how faith operates.
3. To revel in the gladness which comes as we have faith in God.

To Proceed

The young ladies of the Christian Endeavor society should have an active part in this meeting. Possibly a little drama could be worked out on an imaginary scene built upon the little the Scriptures tell of Rhoda.

We do not know much about Rhoda from the Bible account, but we do know much about the faith of people who have trusted God. If we can discover some of the secrets of faith in this lesson, our study will be worthwhile.

This subject also focuses our attention upon people who know the secrets and riches of friendship with the Master. If we can discover some of these secrets through our discussion, our lives will be richer, too. Not only will we become richer in knowledge, but in enthusiasm to live and conduct ourselves as friends of Jesus. Surely there can be no greater, no more challenging goal for Christian Endeavorers than this—to live as a friend of Jesus.

The Bond Servant

Rhoda was only a little bond servant, but she is immortal as her name is mentioned in the New Testament. Rhoda, which in the Hebrew language means a rose, was the name of a girl who lived in the beautiful home of Mary, mother of Mark, in Jerusalem.

Rhoda had proved she was a girl to be trusted, because her mistress Mary gave her a very special place in the household: she was assigned to the office of "keeper of the door." A great deal of tact and wisdom was required of the keeper of the door in the house with the upper room when Rhoda was in charge. It was just at the time when the Church of Jesus Christ was being established, and the upper room had become the center of great events. Rhoda was called upon to answer knocks on the door from all kinds of visitors: messengers on secret errands; missionaries returning from other cities; teachers, disciples, friends gathering for council meetings. Most exciting of all there were inquiries by agents of the Sanhedrin, knocking after dark in an effort to trap a member of the new sect called Christians; or soft taps on the door from members of the new church under suspicion, or perhaps escaping from prison and asking for shelter and hiding.

Peter, leader of the twelve, often came to John Mark's mother's house. Rhoda must have known of his fearless enthusiasm. She knew also that he had been arrested by order of King Herod, and was at once

TO PROVOKE THOUGHT

1. What lessons do we learn from Rhoda?
2. When people say "just believe" what do they mean?
3. How will our faith affect our lives?
4. Give examples of when you have seen faith operate in your life. In other people's lives.

chained in a dark dungeon, guarded by four soldiers; two of them chained to his wrists and two of them on guard at the door of his cell, so that there was not the slightest hope of escape.

All that day the keeper of the door was busy answering knocks and opening bolts for the disciples and friends of Peter. By evening the upper room was full of men and women with sorrow in their eyes. Prayer groups were formed, and on their knees the followers of Jesus the Christ pleaded in His name that God would save Peter, and give him back as their leader to carry on the great work of the Church of Christ.

Early morning a knock came at the door and Rhoda answered it. When she found it was Peter, amazed, bewildered, frightened, forgetting to open the door, Rhoda ran back into the upper room crying out the astounding news: "Peter has come! Peter is at the door!"

The crowd of disciples looked at her in surprise. "The child is mad," cried one.

Finally Peter was admitted and Rhoda must have been thrilled. Rhoda was never to forget that glorious night.

Rhoda's Faith

Faith is a subject we hear much about. We have heard it talked about in church. Sometimes we hear it said that someone "belongs to a different faith" and, when we begin to think what such a statement means, we get a little confused. We begin to ask ourselves what is our faith like. This question of faith is a large one. Rhoda must have asked it.

Our Faith

Faith is not a matter of "believing what you know ain't so," as the well-known small boy put it. The church makes no such demands as the White Queen made of Alice in *Through the Looking Glass*.

You remember that Alice said, "There's no use trying, one can't believe impossible things." The queen replied: "I dare say you haven't had much practice. When I was your age, I always did it for half an hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as

many as six impossible things before breakfast."

The church member's faith gives him a belief in many things which others may think impossible, but, as we shall see, it does not rest upon practicing fantastic day dreams before breakfast.

Faith Defined

The best practical definition of faith that I have been able to make is: I have faith when I commit myself to what I believe through the adventure to which it calls me, in the expectancy that its promise will be fulfilled. This definition presents faith as composed for four elements: belief, trust, adventure, and expectancy. These elements, blended in the right proportion, produce the faith that moves mountains. But no one of them makes faith; nor two of them, nor three; all four in proper proportion must be combined and properly integrated. You can have light by leaving out one of the seven colors of the rainbow, but it will not be sunlight. Many have something spiritually worthwhile when they omit one of these essential ingredients of faith, but it is not faith.

God challenges us to have faith in Him. He has revealed Himself in nature, in the Bible, in the experience of men and women, and supremely in Jesus Christ. He has endowed us with intellectual capacities by which we may obtain truth for the guidance of that belief which should be the foundation of our faith. Faith will be utterly meaningless, and lacking in any sense of assurance, unless first we seek to know what is true about God for ourselves. Once we acquire confidence in the belief which we hold about some vital proportion of faith, acquiring faith becomes a relatively simple process. If we cannot believe what others do regarding some things, there are many things left which we can really believe. Add to belief the other elements, which are the elements that give it action, and the result will be real achievement.

Closing Worship

SUMMARY: Use two or three minutes to sum up the most important points made in the whole unit. If there are some young people in the group who do not belong to the church, the leader should express the hope that they will want to become members and join in the work it is attempting to do in the world.

READING: Hebrews 12:1, 2 will be a thought-inspiring reading.

A MOMENT OF QUIET: Let each think on how he may make his faith more real. How can our church membership mean more to us?

A PRAYER OF DEDICATION.

HYMN.

BENEDICTION.

M., Dec. 1. A Prayer for Faith.	Luke 17:5,6.
T., Dec. 2. Praying with Faith.	Matt. 21:21,22.
W., Dec. 3. Faith is the Test.	Mark 9:23,24.
Th., Dec. 4. The Confidence of Faith.	Psalm 46:1-3.
F., Dec. 5. Blessings According to Faith.	Psalm 31:19-24
S., Dec. 6. Life by Faith.	John 3:35,36.
Sun., Dec. 7. Topic—Rhoda Grows in Faith. Acts 12:11-17.	

How Jesus Used The Scriptures

Fourth Topic in a Series on "Examples From Jesus"

Matthew 4:1-11; Luke 4:16-22; 24-27

(Universal Bible Sunday)

Pattern for the Meeting

The leader of this meeting should make careful preparation for its success by these steps:

Pray for God's blessing and help.
Study the Bible Selections given.
Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.

Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

The leader today has an unusual opportunity. Today is Universal Bible Sunday. It is the day set apart for our churches to especially emphasize the value of the Scriptures. Doubtless the pastor will call attention to it through the regular worship service. By this and other means the way will be prepared for a lively meeting with better preparation and more discussion. Make every effort to make this an outstanding meeting on a special day. Try to use Bibles for reference and study, as much as possible. It might be possible to have a brief message from a representative of the local group of Gideons or of the Bible Society. This week will be a fine time to present the international "Comrades of the Quiet Hour" pledge. (Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1201 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio.) Following this meeting, and last week's, a number of the young people should wish to make a definite commitment regarding private devotions.

This topic should emphasize the importance of a working knowledge of the Bible and how to most effectively use it. To convey this to the group is at once the privilege and the duty of the leader. It probably will be helpful to ask suggestions from the pastor, in order to make a co-ordinated, church-wide emphasis on this subject.

Aim of the Topic

1. To reveal how Jesus used the Scriptures in His own life and in His teaching.
2. To learn the importance of the Bible in our own lives.

The Word of Life

For Jesus the Holy Scriptures were the guide for life. They represented, as now, the Word of God to His people and were therefore the means to the abundant life that He offers. It is thrilling to observe the

triumphant way Jesus used the Word in His encounter with Satan, as recorded in Matthew 4. Read these verses carefully. Note the three great temptations he offered Christ. The first was that of serving the appetite. The Devil suggested that Jesus, hungry after forty days of fasting, make the stones into bread. His answer is arresting, "*It is written*, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.'" Physical food is not then the greatest need of man, but spiritual food is. Man lives by God's words, according to this teaching. The key to Jesus' power is found in the three words, "*It is written*." God has had written for us the great Book of guidance. If we know it and love it, He will cause us to remember its teachings in moments of temptation.

The second temptation came when the Devil took the Master to a high tower of the temple, and tempted Him to jump off, that He might prove that God would protect Him from harm. This also he asked that Christ might prove that He was the Son of God. Once again the Master used the words of Scripture to claim victory. He said, "*It is written again*, 'Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.'" Here was the infinite wisdom of God being called upon for an earthly problem.

The third temptation was a great one indeed. Taking Christ to a very high mountain, Satan showed Him the kingdoms of the world, and promised them to Him, if He would but worship him. Again, magnificently the ancient words of God came to deliver Him. "Get thee hence, Satan," said our Master, "*for it is written*, 'Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve.'" Little did Satan realize that one day the kingdoms of this world would all become the kingdoms of our God and His Christ anyway!

Thus our Lord used the Word of God as a powerful weapon against evil and temptation. So we, too, can find all power to help us if we will follow the Scriptures as the Word of Life. Let every Christian be ready to say "*It is written*—," and "*Thus saith the Lord*," when he meets temptation.

The Law of the Lord

In the written Word our Heavenly Father has given the basic moral law for man to follow. There is a God. He *does* exercise authority over us. He has a Law for us to follow. We *must* obey it if we are to live and to know Life Eternal in Heaven. God has a right to require of us that we do as He directs. We are His creatures and

Daily Readings

M., Dec. 8. God's Word as Seed. Luke 8:1-11
T., Dec. 9. His Word Eternal. Matt. 24:32-33
W., Dec. 10. Parables Fulfill God's Word. Matt. 13:33-34
T., Dec. 11. God's Word Used as Authority. Matt. 21:12-13
F., Dec. 12. God's Word Answers a Question. Matt. 22:29-30
S., Dec. 13. Doers of the Word Are Wise. Matt. 7:24-27
Sun., Dec. 14. Topic — How Jesus Used the Scripture (Universal Bible Sunday) Matt. 4:1-11; Luke 4:1-22; 24-27.

the sheep of His pasture. Indeed, "The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul." (Psalm 19:7. Read the rest of the verses.) On this Law we are to "meditate day and night." (Psalm 1:2) Be aware of it, think of it—and be guided by it. It gladly gives us grace and strength to obey if we will.

The Way for Us

Jesus points the way for Christian Youth to walk today and He offers His own Book to use as a guide. He knew and loved the Scriptures. At an early age He was able to discuss them as shown in His visit to the temple at the age of twelve. His very life as well as His teachings, show us clearly the value of a knowledge of the Bible. This topic should bring this fact sharply in focus. If we were in church this morning on Universal Bible Sunday, we doubtless heard the Pastor bring some new truth. Let's put all this together and begin to realize that "this is for us." God has placed His Book in our hands, too, and for our benefit. Every Christian Endeavorer would be greatly helped by signing a Quiet Hour pledge. By this we would assure ourselves of the daily privilege of talking with God in prayer, and of allowing Him to speak to us through His Word, the Bible. A helpful aid would be the book, *Preface To Bible Study* by A. Richardson. There are many others. Let us walk in the way Jesus walked and claim our victories as He did, by "*Thus saith the Lord*."

FOR DISCUSSION

1. How can we acknowledge the Bible to be "The Law of the Lord"?
2. What do we mean that it is the "Word of Life"?
3. How can the Bible help us most?
4. How can "Universal Bible Sunday" help our nation and world?
5. Name some occasion when you would have been helped, had you been able to say "*It is written*—."
6. Is any authority greater than God's Word? Why?

A SEED THOUGHT

"The Bible will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from the Bible." How is this true?

John Mark Lends His Hand

Fourth Topic in a Series on "New Testament Youth Grow"

Acts 15:36-40; II Timothy 4:11; I Peter 5:13

Our Aim

1. To meet young John Mark.
2. To appreciate Mark's book.
3. To sense the value in Universal Bible Sunday.

Typical Youth

It is Mark himself who tells of how a young man followed Jesus, after the soldiers had taken the Master; and how this young man, when the soldiers tried to seize him also, turned and fled, leaving his linen cloak in the hands of Jesus' captors. Tradition and general agreement permit us to believe that this young man was the author of the Gospel of Mark. The young man is unnamed, and yet Mark shows even the materials of which the unnamed follower's clothes were made. The disciples had already fled; other historians fail to mention the incident. Hence it seems impossible to believe that the young man must have been Mark himself.

When John Mark faced a test of his loyalty, like many youth, we find his courage as short-lived. As soon as danger came his way, he fled. Thus he must remain forever anonymous, so far as historical proof concerned. But the telling of the incident at all, with its details, as well as the quality of character which it shows, points to Mark.

Mark's Background

Mark was not always called by that name, for he was originally "John." "John" was a Hebrew name, unlike the Roman name "Mark" which was added to it. It was as definitely Jewish as that of the boy's mother, Mary. In Jerusalem this Jewish family lived in some comfort and with some social prestige. For the house was large enough to entertain meetings of "many people." There were servants there also. Further, there was a Christian home, for the meeting which gives us our introduction to the house was a prayer meeting, such as that often held in the home of Priscilla and Aquila. Christian guests of some distinction and themselves welcome there.

It is quite possible that Paul and Barnabas made John Mark's home their headquarters while they were in Jerusalem, and they were not the only important guests who visited there. It possibly devolved upon the son of the family to help the guests with the contacts which they daily had to make, as delegates from the Antioch church.

Mark's Chance

It was quite natural that, when Barnabas and Saul went back to Antioch, they should take John Mark with them. A visit to his uncle's church no doubt delighted the youth, and there might be work for him to do there.

Daily Readings

- M., Dec. 8. Mark with Saul and Barnabas. Acts. 12:24,25.
T., Dec. 9. John Mark the Minister. Acts 13:1-5.
W., Dec. 10. John Deserts His Companions. Acts 13:13.
T., Dec. 11. Mark Recommended by Paul. Col. 4:10,11.
F., Dec. 12. Taught by the Holy Spirit. I Cor. 2:9-13.
S., Dec. 13. Source of God's Word. II Peter 1:19-21.
Sun., Dec. 14. Topic—John Mark Lends His Hand. Acts. 15:36-40; II Tim. 4:11; I Peter 5:13.

But none of the three was to remain in Antioch. For, shortly after their return, the uncle and his friend Saul were called to preach. They were consecrated and sent forth as missionaries (Acts 13:1-4). And John Mark went along as "their minister"—that is, to do whatever tasks would make their work easier and leave them more time for their particular duties. His chance had come.

At Perga Mark turned back. Home to Jerusalem he went. A young man had once fled from the soldiers who would have arrested him with Jesus. A young man now left his big chance and went home.

Second Chance

When Paul and Barnabas came back from their strenuous and dangerous tour, the leader had formed definite conclusions about John Mark. Sometime later, when Paul suggested that another visit be made to the converts in that overseas region, Barnabas determined to give John Mark his second chance. But Paul would not agree. The youth had failed them once, and that was enough.

Both apostles were firm. The result was that the foreign journey was postponed. Paul went one way. Barnabas went another, taking John Mark with him to Cyprus. Paul later gave Mark back his spurs. See Col. 4:11; and also Paul's letter to Timothy.

Years later John Mark became the trav-

eling companion of Peter. Paul had become an accomplished Greek scholar and needed no interpreter, no matter how cultured the audience he faced in Athens or in Rome. Peter, however, spoke even his native Aramaic with a Galilean twang, and did not speak Greek fluently at all. So, if he were to travel up and down the Mediterranean world as a missionary, where Aramaic was not at all understood, but where everyone understood Greek, he needed an interpreter, and John Mark became that interpreter and traveled with Peter.

Mark Writes Peter's Sermon

Over and over again, when Peter stood before Greek-speaking audiences, Mark listened as Peter told the story of what he had heard Jesus say and seen Jesus do. Then he translated this story into Greek. He had heard the story so often and had translated it into Greek so many times that he knew it by heart. So he wrote it down for his Christian friends in Rome, and for those in Rome whom he hoped would become Christians by reading it, and for all the world.

When reading John Mark's book you see Jesus move before Peter's eyes and speak in the hearing of Peter. John Mark's book—since he was so careful not to make any mistake in reporting what he so often heard Peter say—is practically Peter's own account of the impression that Jesus made on him in the days when he was with Him.

Book of Action

Peter was a man of action. He liked deeds. John Mark's association with Peter evidently taught him to look for action. His style is full of action, blunt and vivid. His favorite word is "straightway." He states the facts and lets them explain themselves.

John Mark is all attention to what Jesus does and there is little of the teachings of Jesus in his book. In fact, in John Mark's book we have a photographic moving picture of Jesus.

John Mark's Book

When Mark had completed the manuscript he did not take it to a publisher. There were no publishers! If his book could have been published, and if he had been paid royalties, he would have become very rich. But although the author never made a cent from his book, he received other kinds of satisfaction from having written it. It was copied by hand over and over again in the century in which he lived, as well as in every century down to the invention of printing. Skillful artists spent almost a lifetime copying this book, which was translated into every language of the Mediterranean countries. Since the invention of printing has appeared in almost every language in the world.

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FOR DISCUSSION

1. What was it that made men go through all suffering and persecution in order to have the Bible? What is the real importance of the Bible? What do we mean when we say it is the "Word" of God?
2. How should we read our Bibles? Have we the right to interpret its words as we see them? How do we account for the fact that there are many different interpretations of the Bible?
3. What is the real value of the more modern versions of the Bible? Is there such a thing as being too up-to-date in keeping the Bible abreast of modern times?
4. Which of these Bibles should be a part of our permanent possession? What steps should be taken in selecting a Bible for our own use?
5. Why do you like John Mark?
6. Why do you like John Mark's book?
7. How did Mark under Peter's teaching become a useful man?

"In The Fullness Of Time"

Galatians 4:1-7; Isaiah 9:6, 7

Pattern for the Meeting

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- Read the following material, then add his own thoughts, experiences, and other illustrations.
- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

This week the leader has special help in preparing his topic for all the world is getting ready for Christmas again. He also will have extra problems for it is a "rush" season, so it will call for extra special planning. The Christmas topic is always an important one and one in which there is a special hush of reverence. Let the leader prepare the best meeting possible, perhaps by the fireside, or by a lighted Christmas tree with other lights dimmed, or by candlelight. A simple worship center could be prepared. There are many items already prepared. Look around and find something to make this a "different" meeting. Check with the president and Missionary committee or Service committee chairman, to be sure that some special Christmas projects are well under way. Baskets may be taken to the needy, gifts may be provided for unfortunate neighbors, arrangements may be made for providing food throughout the winter, shut-in services may be arranged, caroling trips may be planned, etc. It's a busy time. Let us be sure that we are busy doing our part in the Lord's work. In this meeting the leader should strive to bring out the fullness of Jesus, thinking of Him as grown man and as Lord of life, as well as tiny Babe. Share what God has provided.

Aim of the Topic

1. To put a distinctly Christian emphasis upon Christmas.
2. To behold the Christ anew, as the Babe of Bethlehem, and also as the Man of Galilee, and the Christ of Calvary.

The Incarnation

A great Christian teacher has said that our Christian faith is built around two great truths, one known as the Doctrine of the Incarnation, and the other the Doctrine of the Resurrection. Tonight in our topic we

A SEED THOUGHT

"Christmas means that God came to Earth, that man may go to Heaven." Discuss.

consider the Incarnation, the birth of Jesus the Christ. Christmas has come to mean many things, some of them evil, to many people, but we must ever let it mean Christ. Jesus Christ the God-man, who came to dwell among men, to bring them salvation, made His simple but impressive entrance upon earth's stage at this season. Miracles were seen, great events took place, and all the world was brightened by His coming. The town and the inn that were too busy and full to receive Him are but symbols of a world today that is too much wrapped up in itself to properly receive Christmas. Jesus came as the child of Bethlehem, was heralded by the angelic host, was worshipped by the wise men and the shepherds. He fulfilled all the ancient words of Messianic prophecy. And Mary, His mother, noted these things, tucked them away in her heart, and remembered. God had become man and was to walk with mankind in the Person of His Son, according to His own promise.

The Growth and Ministry

Jesus did not remain as the helpless Babe of the manger. He grew to splendid manhood. He became filled with a sense of mission, the reason for His very existence. Luke 2:52 says, "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Many people still think of Him as merely a sweet child, overlooking His ministry of redemption, and His proper claims in their lives. A great Christian leader in Brazil, long dominated by the Roman Catholic Church, makes a most significant statement. He says in effect, "The people of this country have never, before the coming of our Protestant missions, been able to see the Christ in His power and glory. They have been restricted to two futile views. One is that of a tiny helpless Babe, ever-shadowed by a dominating Mother with a halo. The other is that of an emaciated, suffering, pitiful man on a Cross. They have never before seen the empty cross, or experienced a Living Saviour Who Walks with them, and gives them power and victory."

We share in the glory of the Christian life and find the true spirit of Christmas, as we behold the Master of men in the fullness of His divine ministry. His Christmas gift to us is forgiveness and love, Eternal Life and peace. "I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10:10) He lived as Jesus of Nazareth, the Master of men. By agreement with God, He died on Calvary as the sinless Saviour of the world. Then, glory of glories, He arose again, triumphant for evermore over all the forces of earth or evil. "Who-soever will" may have eternal hope and

FOR HOLIDAY THOUGHT

1. What is the true meaning of Christmas?
2. What is the real "Christmas spirit"?
3. How is Christ left out of the modern Christmas?
4. How can we put Him back again?
5. What could we do to make the Doctrine of Incarnation more real at this season?
6. What can a group of Christian Young People do at this season to make Christmas more real to others? Will you do it?
7. Name the gifts God gives us at this time.
8. Benjamin Franklin once said, "A good conscience is a continual Christmas." Explain this.

new life through Him! As the hymn asks "Do you wonder why it is I love Him Jesus Christ Who died for me?" Verily, "the fullness of time," God sent His Son to complete His loving plan for us. This was the larger message the angels sang on the cold Judean hillside to the shepherds. That was why God set out a special star to mark the otherwise simple event of a birth. That is why we have Christmas.

The Meaning To Us

What does all this mean to a group of young Christian Endeavorers, about to trim the trees and hang out the holly in "the Year of our Lord 1952?" Will it be just so much tinsel and turkey and turmoil? Or will modern Youth say—will you say—"Be born in us today?" In the fullness of time God sent His Son, that "whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." He sent Him for you and your family, and your Church, and your Community, and your world! Christmas can mean the birth of a new sense of mission in our hearts, and can become the starting point of winning the world for Christ. Only YOU can give the answer that would release the power. What will Christmas mean to you?

Daily Readings

- M., Dec. 15. Isaiah Prophesies the Virgin Birth. Isa. 7:14
 T., Dec. 16. Jeremiah Prophesies of Christ. Jer. 23:5-6
 W., Dec. 17. Micah Prophesies of Christ. Micah 5:2-3
 T., Dec. 18. Zechariah Prophesies of Christ. Zech. 9:9
 F., Dec. 19. An Angel Appeals to Mary. Luke 1:26-35
 S., Dec. 20. An Angel Appears to Joseph. Matt. 1:18-25
 Sun., Dec. 21. Topic—"In the Fullness of Time." Gal. 4:1-7; Isa. 9:6, 7.

Remember the First Christmas

First Topic in a Series on "The Christian Remembers"
Luke 2:1-19

Our Aim

1. To catch the significance of Christ's birth.
2. To relate the first Christmas to our observances today.
3. To enjoy the wonderful music and pageantry of this season.

Materials

PRELUDES: Pastoral Symphony and Glory God from "The Messiah," *Handel*; Stille Nacht, *Franz Gruber*; March of the Magi, *Herker*.

PICTURE INTERPRETATIONS: Correggio's "Holy Night," Lerolle's "Arrival of the Shepherds," Burne-Jones, "The Star of Bethlehem," all in "The Gospel of Art," by Wiley. Raphael's "The Sistine Madonna," interpreted in "Masterpieces of Painting," Venner. Copies of these pictures may be secured at Perry Pictures Co., Malden, Mass.

STORIES: "The Sacred Flame," "The Worker in Sandalwood," "The Emperor's Vision," all found in Lagerloef's "Christ Legends"; "The Shepherd Who Turned Back," Katherine Dunlap Cather's "Educated by Story Telling"; "Blind Bartimaeus" by Cross Statler's "Story Telling for Upper Grade Teachers"; "The Mother" in Robert Schaeffer's "Christmas."

Familiar stories include Dickens' "Christmas Carol"; Alden's "Why the Chimes Rang"; Page's "Santa Claus' Tree"; and Wm Dyke's "The Other Wise Man," and the First Christmas Tree.

POEMS: "Quotable Poems," Vols. I and II by Clark and Gillespie, contains some Christmas poetry. "The Kings of the East," by Katharine Lee Bates; "The Christ's Treasury," by Temple Scott; "The Voice of the Christ-Child," by Phillips Brooks.

HYMNS: O Little Town of Bethlehem; Silent Night; Hark the Herald Angels Sing; Came Upon the Midnight Clear; We Three Kings of Orient Are; O Come, All Ye Faithful; There's a Song in the Air; Go to the World; The First Noel the Angels Did Say.

RECORDS: There are many beautiful recordings of Christmas music. Bring some records to play in a distant corner of the church as some of the Scripture and materials are used.

SLIDES: Loans from nearby museums may be available, or from church organizations or local residents, especially for use as part of a worship service, for a limited time. Slides can be secured from Society for Visual Education, 1345 W. Diversey Parkway, Chicago 14, Ill. Also available from Department of Audio-Visual Aids, Evangelical and Reformed Church, Schaaf Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Film strips are available from Religious

CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

1. Was the birth of Jesus according to prophecy?
2. What was the attitude of the innkeeper towards the birth of our King?
3. What criticisms do you have of the way in which the birthday of our King is kept now?
4. What suggestions for better keeping Christmas can you make?
5. How can we best show our spirit of Christmas?
6. Do mirth and humor have a place in the celebration of Christmas?
7. Why do you give Christmas gifts?
8. Would Christmas be kept more spiritually if we gave gifts unto others in His name and forgot to give to those who did not need our gifts?

Film Association, 220 Fifth Ave., New York (1) N. Y. Double frame runs through the projector horizontally (and is twice the size of single frame) while single frame strips run through vertically. Be sure to order the type that can be used for your projector — prices given are for sale only. *The Nativity of Christ* (42 pictures,) 20 extra frames of interpretations and scriptures text). Single frame, \$3; Double frame, \$4.

PROJECTS: There are many things we can do at Christmas, each depending upon the conditions in our local communities and the extent of our finances. The following list is only suggestive and may be worked out accordingly:

1. Donate to the Community fund.
2. Donate to the Church World Service for relief abroad.
3. Make up Christmas baskets to be used for needy of the church.
4. Collect old clothing, books, newspapers, magazines — either to sell or distribute.
5. Pack a Christmas box for some home mission station or city mission.
6. Hold a Christmas party for the Children's Home — give gifts.
7. Hold a service at the County Home.
8. Locate the shut-ins and see that they are remembered some way.
9. Transport the aged and infirm to the Christmas services.
10. Send greetings to the sick — also baskets of fruit.
11. Sing carols for those who enjoy it, aged, infirm, shut-ins.
12. Send Christmas greetings to missionaries of your denomination.

Daily Readings

M., Dec. 15. The Annunciation. Luke 1:26-38.
T., Dec. 16. The Magnificat. Luke 1:46-55.
W., Dec. 17. The Birth of Jesus. Matt. 1:18-25.
T., Dec. 18. The Visit of the Wise Men. Matt. 2:1-12.
F., Dec. 19. The Prophecy of Simeon. Luke 2:25-35.
S., Dec. 20. The Prophecy of Anna. Luke 2:36-38.
Sun., Dec. 21. Topic — Remember the First Christmas. Luke 2:1-19.

13. Send a CARE package or box of clothes to a family in Europe or Asia. Suggestions for boxes for needy:

- a. Wash cloths, soap, cretonne, handkerchiefs, apron, bath towels, neckties, socks, stockings.
- b. Dolls, beads, toys, harmonicas, balls, checkers, Jacks, unbreakable toys, rattles, picture books.

The First Christmas

...THE CHURCH where the first Christmas service was held was an open field. Jesus later did much of his preaching in the open air. Many of his followers have found hill-sides and fields suitable places to preach to large congregations. We are grateful for magnificent cathedrals and for the churches large or small in which we meet to worship God, but we know that in a home or at a convention vesper service we have also been brought close to His presence. We can meet God everywhere; we should not neglect the church — or the field.

THE CONGREGATION that God selected to hear the first announcement of the birth of His Son was not in Jerusalem at the Temple; it was not in a synagogue. God chose a congregation meeting in the open air consisting of humble, devout shepherds. God, as Jesus later said (Matt. 11:2), passes over the self-styled wise and understanding and reveals His truths unto babes, that is, unto those who are humble and teachable. The first Christmas congregation consisted of shepherds.

THE PREACHER AND HIS TEXT. The preacher is described as "the angel of the Lord." An angel is a messenger. The deepest prayer of every true minister is that he be a true messenger of God, proclaiming God's message. This preacher had a wonderful text: "Be not afraid; . . . I bring you good tidings of great joy . . . to all the people . . . there is born to you . . . a Saviour . . . Christ the Lord." There is the real meaning of Christmas.

THE RESULTS. No one ever knows fully what happens in a church service. However, we are told what the results were of the first Christmas service. The congregation found Jesus: the shepherds went to Bethlehem and found the infant Christ. Then the congregation returned to its tasks "glorifying and praising God." And — they shared the blessings of the service with others.

If Christ Had Not Been Born

If Christ had not been born there would be no Christmas. The New Testament would never have been written. There would be no church. Our individual, family, and corporate lives would be miserable, without hope. Christ by His coming among us has put and continues to put meaning into our human existence. Because of His signi-

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"What's This Year Been Worth To Me?"

II Corinthians 13:5a; Philippians 4:8

Pattern for the Meeting

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- Study the Bible Selections given.
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- Plan a brief Leader's Talk to make clear the purpose of the meeting.

As the last meeting in the year 1952 is held it is well that each one pause long enough to look at his own life. Each one has made mistakes he regrets, said things contrary to his Christian thinking, done wrong deeds, made wrong decisions, chosen wrong friends, failed to do proper things, etc. Now is the opportunity to look back, observe the things that should be corrected, and make plans for changes.

In order to make variety in the meeting announce beforehand that each one is to bring one thing old and one thing new to the meeting. The old can be any old soiled article that can be thrown away. Sometime during the meeting, have them come forward, and throw away the "old," which represents some sin, fault, or wrong, and take on the "new" as a step forward for the better in the future. This can be most effective if well planned and instructed.

Aim of the Topic

To make each one desirous of "measuring" or "weighing" himself, and then "dieting" properly to become more balanced in the Christian way of life.

Stop!

In order to decide what the past year has been worth, one must first stop. When one drives a car some distance, perhaps on an unknown road, and feels that *maybe* he is going in the wrong direction, he cannot correct this error until he first stops to inquire or study a map. He gets farther and farther off the track as the journey continues. Taking time to stop will probably save time. How meaningful the old saying is: "Haste makes waste." A careful driver will "stop" before crossing a railroad track.

A SEED THOUGHT

Yesterday is but a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today well lived makes every
yesterday a dream of happiness,
And every tomorrow a vision of
hope,
Look well, therefore, to this day.
— From the Sanskrit.

A Christian will "stop" to better understand himself. As each one thinks, "What's this year been worth to me?" and the introspection portion of our thinking is foremost, let's stop to meditate. In the busy-ness of school life and the working world, too often one fails to take time to meditate and pray. One's best self is strengthened by meditation. In order to look back over the past, it is necessary to stop. As the past is uncovered and considered, there are many places open to improvement and change.

Look!

If a driver thinks himself on a wrong road and only stops, and never goes on, he'll surely be wrong. As one approaches the close of one year and the beginning of another, he cannot just stop, but he must look at, and evaluate, himself. In II Corinthians 13:5, we read, "Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith, prove your own selves." Have you given yourself that test? Each one has spent a great deal of time in the past year—365 days or 8,760 hours. Make a chart, taking only one month or one week, and note how much time was spent for eating, sleeping, worshipping, playing, school or working, leisure, etc. Look at your chart. Are you satisfied with yourself? Stewardship does not only involve money, as is too often thought. What percentage of time do you give your Lord? Do you spend 16-17 hours a week with Him, serving and worshipping Him? That is our tithe of time! It's so easy to think how much we give, serve, or worship, until we stop and look. Is it so much?

God's Word teaches in the parable of the talents that each one has some talent. Some have more than others. Talents should be used and not left idle. They come from God and should be used to glorify Him. "Look" at your own faithfulness to Christ and the Church. Has it been all that it should be? Hold fast to the promise that those who are faithful in a few things, will be greatly blessed. (Luke 19:17).

Listen!

Philippians 4:8 instructs us "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." As we "listen" to these words and the ones following them, we find that if we see these virtues in Jesus, we are to follow them. Thus we have the promise of peace. Be truthful, honest, fair, clean, sweet, and of good character. As you examine yourself, where are you failing? "Listen," and receive the blessing and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Daily Readings

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| M., Dec. 22. Advice to Remember. | I Tim. 6:12-14 |
| T., Dec. 23. Remember God's Covenant. | Deut. 4:23-28 |
| W., Dec. 24. Remember What God Has Done. | Deut. 4:31-40 |
| T., Dec. 25. A Call to Repentance. | Hosea 6:1-6 |
| F., Dec. 26. Spiritual Growth. | II Thess. 1:2-5 |
| S., Dec. 27. The Race Before Us. | Hab. 1:2-11 |
| Sun., Dec. 28. Topic — "What's This Year Been Worth to Me?" | II Cor. 13:5a; Phil. 4:8 |

Jesus sent His Spirit to rest upon every individual who will receive Him. He will dwell in us and fill our very lives. Take time to have the members list their Christian achievements of the past year. What has been accomplished, or what growth can be noted?

Proceed with Caution!

After one has stopped to examine his life, looked to evaluate himself, and listened for guidance, he should prepare himself to advance into a new and better year. The usual practice for some at this season of the year is to sit down and write a long list of New Year's Resolutions. Some can be very helpful, while others are as useless as our Lenten "don'ts" and "won'ts." How much more valuable it is to take steps forward and plan "dos" and "wills." Don't just cast off the old and wrong mistakes, but add on the new and right determinations. As advancing into a New Year is planned, what is found in your life that hinders your spiritual growth? Take Jesus Christ with you into the New Year. As problems and the need for decisions arise, ask "What would Jesus do?" He will go with you, hand in hand, into the New Year.

In all things, examining, evaluating, listening for guidance, and proceeding carefully and Christ-like into the New Year, consider your individual Christian Endeavor Society. What has the past year been worth to it? Consider your personal lives. To what will you "press on" in 1953?

THINK!

- Has the past year been of value to you? Explain.
- What improvements can you make in your life during the coming year?
- Have you grown in wisdom and knowledge, in stature and favor with GOD and MAN during the past year?
- What is hindering your spiritual growth?
- How important is it to take Jesus Christ with you into the New Year?
- What changes can your society make in its program?
 - What should it not do?
 - What should it do?
- Do you give enough of your time to God? Where can you improve?
- How much time does each member give God each week? Let it down.
- What are your talents?
- How can you use your talents in service for Christ and the Church?

What to Remember and What to Forget

Second Topic in a Series on "The Christian Remembers"
Deuteronomy 6:4-12; Philippians 3:13,14

Our Aim

1. To learn lessons from 1952 mistakes and failures.
2. To go into 1953 with resolutions to be more Christian.
3. To fulfill God's high purposes for our lives.

An Appreciation Meeting

Why not make this an "appreciation meeting?" Give opportunity for each fellow member to tell what and why they have appreciated in the past year. The written invitation that you send out may include the "yell" you have often used in school—

"2 - - - 4 - - - 6 - - - 8"

"Whom do we appreciate?"

"Now is the time to express it!"

(Then draw the face of a clock indicating the hour of your meeting.)

Come to Christian Endeavor and join us in showing your appreciation for our CE officers for 1952, also our counselor and pastor.

The worship center may be the face of the clock lighted by candlelight.

Getting Started. Piano Prelude—Call to Worship.

Life's Clock

The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
A late or early hour.

To lose one's wealth is sad indeed,
To lose one's health is more;
To lose one's soul is such a loss
As no man can restore.

The present only is our own,
Live love, toil with a will—
Place no faith in tomorrow—for
The clock may then be still.

Author Unknown.

Scripture—Deut. 6:4-12; Phil. 3:13,14.

Prayer Hymn—"Another Year Is Dawning."

Sentence Prayers—Closing with "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Poem—"Around the Corner I Have a Friend"
"I'd Like to Be the Sort of Friend" by Guest.

The Discussion.

Closing Meditation—

Where am I today, *geographically* speaking? How much larger is my world than _____ (insert the name of your town community)?

Where am I, *circumstantially* speaking? In I living above my circumstances, mastering them?

Where am I, *relationally* speaking? As sister, brother, son, friend, neighbor, employee—am I working toward the ideal in each relationship?

Where am I, *eternally* speaking? What type is molding my life? What vision beams in my eyes? What character is it ward which I grow?

Where am I, *spiritually* speaking? Do I have the assurance that Christ is my personal Saviour and will guide me down through

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Is time our own? Why or why not?
2. How much time should Christian youth give to the church?
3. How much have you contributed during the past year to make this a better world in which to live? (Give this question to several members.)
4. Is it right to make resolutions we are pretty sure we'll never fulfill?
5. How can your society "press on" in the new year to greater goals?

the days, months, and years ahead?

Benediction

"I asked the New Year for some message sweet,
Some rule of life with which to guide my feet;
I asked, and paused: he answered soft and low,
God's Will to know."

Our Discussion

In the mythology of the ancient world there was a god named Janus, who gave his name to the first month of the year, January. This Janus had a remarkable characteristic. He had faces on the opposite sides of his head, so that he looked forward and backward at the same time. It was for this reason that his name was given to the month of January.

With a blackboard ask the group:

1. To list things that we should forget out of the past year's experiences.

Do not dwell too long on this phase.

Then go on:

2. To list things worth projecting into the new year.

Here we may well recall Paul's statement in Philippians:

"One Thing I Do"

This has been called a "complex and confused age." If that is true, it is due to our mixed motives. Nothing destroys the personality quicker than the sense of frustration. If we attempt to please the world, and yet be a friend of Christ, we will surely end as neurotics. As Christian young people we have but one thing to do, and that is to serve Jesus Christ. All other activities line up in obedience to the Lordship of Jesus. If it is a question of what we shall do on Sunday, we shall have to answer this by Charles M. Sheldon's question, "What will Jesus have me do?"

"Forgetting"

Daily Readings

- M., Dec. 22. Danger of Forgetting God. Psalm 9:17,18.
T., Dec. 23. Weeping Caused by Forgetting God. Jer. 3:21-23.
W., Dec. 24. Remember What God Hath Done. Deut. 4:5-9.
T., Dec. 25. Remember God's Covenant. Deut. 4:23-26.
F., Dec. 26. Remembering God in Trial. Jonah 2:1-9.
S., Dec. 27. Advice to Remember. 1 Tim. 6:12-19.
Sun., Dec. 28. Topic—What to Remember and What to Forget. Deut. 6:4-12; Phil. 3:13,14.

Paul said, "Forgetting the things which are behind" (Phil. 3:13). Each of us is given a day-by-day "carta blanca," a white page in our daily experiences. The new year also represents a new page in our experiences. So we forget the past, and look forward to this new beginning. One of the most valuable lessons we can learn in life is to live one day at a time. Better yet, we can live one day at a time. The fully consecrated Christian lives one moment at a time. Omar Khayyam in the Rubaiyat said:

"The Moving Finger writes; and, having writ,
Moves on: nor all your Piety nor Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a Line,
Nor all your Tears wash out a Word of it."

"Stretching Forward"

The hour glass permits the sand to run through its bottleneck at a regular speed. When the sand has coursed its way to the bottom of the glass, a new hour is begun by simply turning the glass upside down. Each little grain of sand might say, "How wearisome it is to do this day after day, and hour after hour." But if it could talk, it would say, "Another chance to make good." With Paul, to forget, we must stretch forward. Psychologically it is the best way. We stretch forward for "Christ and the Church." and to "Build for a Christian world."

"I Press On"

There are three factors in our physical, mental, social, and spiritual development. Two have always been recognized by the sociologist. They are heredity and environment. Only recently has the scientist as much as begun to consider the third. Yet, significantly, the third is the one on which the Christian Church has won practically all her converts. It is the factor of the *Will*. Define it as you may, the Will represents that part of you which says, "I will," or "I won't." Paul said, "I will." And so he pressed on against insuperable obstacles. But he won out. We were reminded recently by an eminent theologian and preacher that Paul said, "For this cause left I thee in Crete." (Paul's letter to Titus.) And yet where the inhabitants were called "liars," "evil beasts," "idle gluttons," some of the finest churches grew.

"The Prize"

("The high calling of God in Christ Jesus.") (Phil. 3:14.) This new year is a prize. No one has earned it; no one deserves it; it truly is a gift with three hundred and sixty-five days attached. Moreover, this year is a gift of God. Dr. W. E. Peffley said recently that of agricultural products ninety-five per cent was recognized as being God's efforts, the remainder man's. We, too, have a prize, a gift, "the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" for our own personal lives.

Between Mountain Walls and Surging Sea

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on the floor. I was assured the next morning that they slept well and they even claimed that they enjoyed sleeping on the floor. Hospitality on this island knows no limits!

Missionary In White

After a delicious and more than ample breakfast of tropical fruits plus ham and eggs (plural) plus a lot of other food items, I hurried off to visit the hospital. Dr. Caver, the youthful physician-in-charge who hails from Dallas, Texas, put a white gown on me and took me into every room. I saw all the equipment, talked and prayed with the patients, and learned a lot about leprosy. Wonderful work is being done. Some research activity in connection with tuberculosis produced amazing results when applied to leprosy patients. New penicillin derivatives used for daily injections and as pills have helped in arresting the disease and in mitigating its effects. Dr. Caver is doing a bit of research himself . . . using, of all things, a couple of chinchillas as his "guinea pigs."

Not more than twenty-five percent of the patients are hospitalized. The others live in comfortable cottages and live practically a normal life. Some of them have grown to like this community so much that they have refused to leave when they were discharged as patients. They love their homes, their friends, and their church.

After my visit to the hospital and calls at a few of the homes, it was time for me to take the plane back to Honolulu and then on to San Francisco later that same day. I left the island of Molokai with the picturesque village of Kalaupapa nestled between mountain walls and surging sea by a little plane that circled around so that I could have a last glimpse of the large group at the airport. They had come there with more beautiful leis for me to wear and carry with me. I carried more than leis with me, however, as I flew away. I carried with me a bit of the spirit of Kalaupapa. They didn't know it but they had shared with me their most precious possession—their Christian faith.

Children Sent To Camp

Fifty-one girls and boys were sent to Camp Brett in Lebanon, New Jersey, for a two week vacation by the Fresh Air Department of the Brooklyn Christian Endeavor Union. Charles Keller is superintendent of the work.

Accepts New Post



Dr. J. Allan Ranck

Who has been youth director of the Evangelical United Brethren Church for seven years, will become associate executive secretary of the Joint Commission on Missionary Education of the National Council of Churches of Christ, with offices in New York City, April 1.

Dr. Ranck has been active in Christian Endeavor for many years. He is a member of the Program Council of the International Society and has served as chairman of the Council and also of the Educational Committee. November 2 he leaves for India where he will be a delegate to the Third World Conference of Christian Youth at Travancore in December. On his trip he will visit mission centers in Japan, the Philippine Islands and Africa.

ALL IN FUN

A struggling author had called on a publisher about a manuscript he had submitted.

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Columbus To Be Scene Of Annual Meetings

Preparations are being made for the annual meetings of the Program Council of the International Society, and the Christian Endeavor Executives' Conference to be held in Columbus, Ohio.

The Program Council will convene concurrent meetings with the Executives' Conference December 5 and 6. The Executives' group will continue for two more days December 7 and 8.

Rev. Elwood Dunn is chairman of the Program Council. Julian Moran is head of the Conference.

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Although Jack Daubenspeck of Allentown, Pennsylvania, is confined to his wheelchair he is reaching thousands through the ministry of the printed word.

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Jack Daubenspeck

Mark Education Week

American Education Week will be observed November 9-15 with the central theme being "Children in Today's World." Sunday, November 9, emphasis will be placed on "Their Churches."

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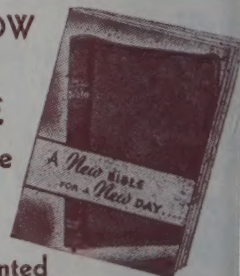
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